IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Number	New Divisional Application		
Filing Date	Concurrently Herewith		
First Named Inventor	Galo F. ACOSTA et al.		
Group Art Unit	Unknown		
Examiner Name	Unknown		
Attorney Docket Number	2599-103-D1		
)N			

Title of the Invention:

ASSAY WORK STATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of this <u>divisional</u> application, kindly amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-33.

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are canceled. Independent claim 34 and dependent claims 35-37, which were restricted out of the parent application, remain pending.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,							
NAME AND REG. NUMBER	Richard Wydeven, Registration No. 39,881						
Signature	Kul	W	<u></u>	DATE	April 6,2001		
ADDRESS	Rothwell, Figg, Ernst & Manbeck, P.C. 555 Thirteenth Street, N.W., Suite 701, East Tower						
CITY	Washington	STATE	D.C.	ZIP CODE	20004		
COUNTRY	U.S.A.	TELEPHONE	(202) 783-6040	Fax	(202) 783-6031		